

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Chuck Hagel  
Secretary of Defense  
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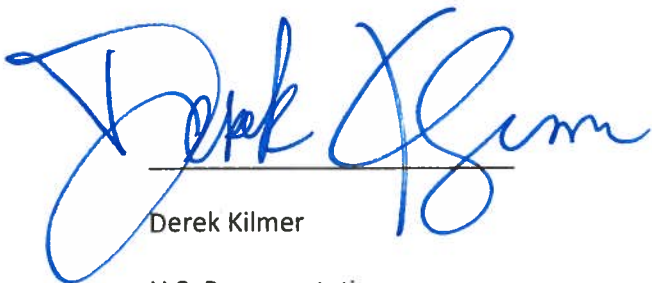
Dear Secretary Hagel,

We are writing to request a briefing with you to discuss the ongoing concerns we have in regards to the Department of Defense's ongoing furloughs of civilian employees who are funded through Defense Working Capital Funds (DWCF).


On July 5, 2013, Under Secretary of Defense Robert Hale responded to our letter outlining how the Department reached its determination that it was necessary to furlough civilians who serve at DWCF installations. We are concerned that the Department's budgetary analysis fails to address the unique nature of how these employees are funded and neglects the long-term impact that this decision will have on our national security and civilian defense workforce. Furthermore, we would like a greater understanding of the legal justification that interprets Section 129 of Title 10 of the United States Code as permitting the Department to impose short-term furloughs of indirectly funded government employees.

We look forward to meeting with you soon to further discuss this policy and our concerns. Thank you for your attention on this important matter.

Sincerely,



Derek Kilmer  
U.S. Representative



Adam Smith  
U.S. Representative



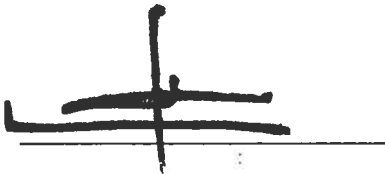
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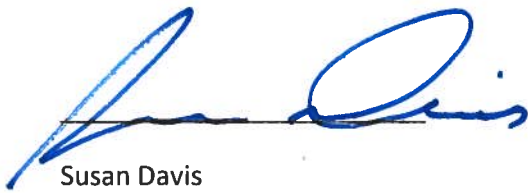
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